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THE FOLLOWING REVISED MANDATE FOR THE NUCLEAR SUB-GROUP

(THE NEW TITLE) WAS ADOPTED BY THE SLT AT ITS JULY 1

MEETING:

BEGIN TEXT

1. TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF MEMBERS' NUCLEAR POWER CAPABILITY AS MAY BE NEEDED TO MEET THE GROWING DEMAND FOR ENERGY - WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE AGENCY'S REDUCED DEPENDENCY OBJECTIVES - BY ENHANCING MEMBERS' ABILITY TO TAKE ACTIONS LEADING TO AN OPTIMAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE.

2. TO REVIEW NATIONAL NUCLEAR POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES AND TO IDENTIFY ANY CONSTRAINTS OR LIMITATIONS AFFECTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NUCLEAR SECTOR. THE REVIEW OF NATIONAL NUCLEAR POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES SHOULD IN PARTICULAR INCLUDE:

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A) A SYSTEMATIC EXAMINATION OF THE STATUS OF

NATIONAL NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMS;

B) EXAMINATION OF THE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE AND THE AVAILABILITY OF THE NATURAL AND ENRICHED URANIUM AND SERVICES (ENRICHMENT, REPROCESSING) WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR NATIONAL NUCLEAR POWER PROGRAMS;

C) EXPLORATION OF THE POSSIBILITIES OF JOINT EFFORTS TO BROADEN THE BASE OF URANIUM RESOURCES WORLD-WIDE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT WORK BEING DONE IN OECD/NEA AND IAEA ON QUESTIONS CONCERNING URANIUM RESOURCES PRODUCTION AND DEMAND;

D) EXAMINATION OF EFFORTS FOR THE ULTIMATE DISPOSITION OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE FROM NUCLEAR POWER REACTORS, REPROCESSING AND RECYCLING;

E) EXAMINATION OF MAIN PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR POWER, ITS FUEL SUPPLY AND SERVICES, AND THE STEPS BEING TAKEN TO DEAL WITH SUCH PROBLEMS, NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY; AND

F) EXPLORATION OF POSSIBILITIES TO ENSURE TIMELY SUPPLIES OF NUCLEAR FUEL.

3. TO RECOMMEND COOPERATIVE ACTIONS IN LIGHT OF STUDIES UNDERTAKEN ABOVE, WHICH MIGHT SERVE TO OVERCOME PROBLEMS, CONSTRAINTS OR LIMITATIONS IDENTIFIED UNDER PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE.

4. IN CARRYING OUT THE ABOVE MANDATE, THE NEW SUB-GROUP WILL UTILIZE RESOURCES AND ON-GOING WORK IN THE OECD, E.G. THE OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND, IN PARTICULAR, DRAWING ON THE EXPERIENCE OF THE NEA AND COOPERATING WITH IT AS APPROPRIATE IN FUTURE EFFORTS TO AVOID DUPLICATION. THIS WOULD BE DONE IN A MANNER AND IN A TIME FRAME APPROPRIATE TO THE IEA'S OBJECTIVES. THE SUBGROUP WILL ALSO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH OTHER IEA GROUPS CONCERNED INCLUDING THE R&D GROUP AND THE SLT SUBGROUP ON ACCELERATED DEVELOPMENT. IN PARTICULAR, PROBLEMS IDENTIFIED WHICH CALL FOR R&D ACTION SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE R&D GROUP WHICH WILL MAINTAIN ITS ROLE AND CURRENT ACTIVITIES IN THE NUCLEAR SECTOR.

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